

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1631 - HB 1611

March 12, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL:

Requires the Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation to:

- report to the General Assembly on issues relating to the role of rehabilitative services in reducing the costs of workers' compensation benefits and in returning injured workers to their former positions.
- review the costs of rehabilitative services provided and the reduced time, if any, for employees to achieve maximum medical recovery and to return to work.
- meet quarterly as opposed to twice a year.
- Provides that 3 separate fraudulent insurance acts constitute a pattern or practice of violations.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures \$4,176

Estimate assumes an increase in state expenditures for two additional meetings of the Advisory Council on Workers Compensation. Estimate assumes that six of the seven members will be reimbursed for travel and that each meeting will last two days.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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